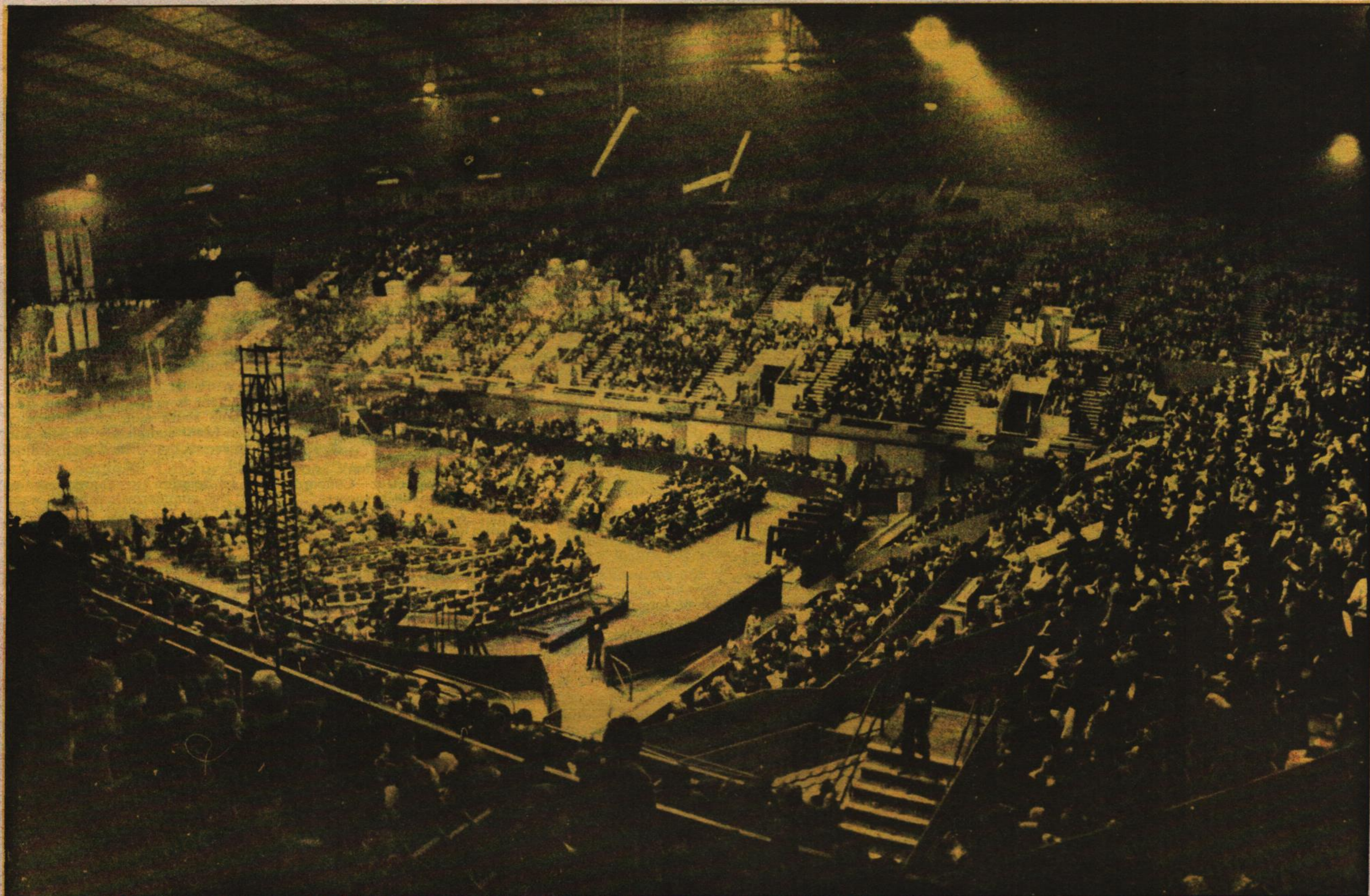


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10,000 RALLY AGAINST TORIES

A HUGE audience of over 10,000 at Empire Pool, Wembley, last weekend cheered and applauded during a performance of the Pageant of History.

The Pageant was organized by the Socialist Labour League and Young Socialists. It presented working class history in four major episodes.

The audience, made up of trade unionists, housewives, young workers and students, gave a loud response to the speaker's demand that the Tory government be forced out of office.

It was the biggest political rally against the Tory government since the Tories came to power in June 1970. It brought together the forces for a revolutionary party in Britain.

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All out for Blackpool—See page 8

AFTER WEMBLEY:

FORWARD TO THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

THE success of the Pageant of History and rally at Empire Pool, Wembley last weekend was no accident. It was attended by 10,000 workers—both young and old—because it was the only rally of its kind.

The Young Socialists and the Socialist Labour League are the only movements that have fought for Marxist principles and a revolutionary leadership in the working class. Now it is becoming clear to many thousands of advanced workers that only revolutionary methods can defend democratic rights.

That is why the Pageant of History received such a huge response. The audience at Empire Pool, Wembley saw history presented not in an abstract, dead, sense but with its real meaning today in the forefront.

It was unique because no other movement could have organized the event and drawn the conclusion which the Pageant pointed towards—the building of a revolutionary party to preserve all the gains of the past by overthrowing capitalism and establishing a socialist system.

The Empire Pool meeting rallied the forces for this revolutionary party in Britain. This was the unmistakable message from Wembley and one which all present at the rally can take up with complete confidence.

Karl Marx during his work in the First International in London always fought against those who said the British working class was not capable of revolutionary changes.

The working class, he said, was a revolutionary force, but was prevented from going any further than trade unionism by the conservative and reformist leadership at the top. The work of Karl Marx—dramatized in one of the episodes at the Pageant—was a huge step forward.

For today only the Trotskyist movement is able to carry it forward. If it is given a revolutionary leadership the British working class can not only go ahead to defeat the Tory government but to destroy Toryism and the capitalist system.

Thousands of trade unionists who took part at Empire Pool were looking for this leadership because their basic trade union and democratic rights are under attack from the Tory government.

Their immediate demand was for the trade union leaders to organize all out action to force the Tories out of office. Young people who came to Wembley have a very big responsibility in the building of a revolutionary party.

That is why we urge everyone to get into the campaign for the Young Socialists 13th annual conference in Blackpool on April 14 and 15.

Taking place only four weeks after Wembley this conference will be a vital one. Young Socialists all over the country have already started campaigning to make it the biggest and the most successful YS conference ever.

The Concorde failure

Apprentices fear the sack

By Sarah Hannigan

THE British Aircraft Corporation's complex in Weybridge, Surrey, is one that is badly hit by the failure of the Concorde project.

Already there are rumours circulating in the factory that at least 600 men are due to be made redundant in the coming months.

For BAC Weybridge apprentices the future can only be described as bleak.

And that's the way the vast majority of apprentices we spoke to at Weybridge last week saw it too.

Between 1970 and 1971 four separate announcements of redundancies were made at the Surrey plant. Altogether, almost 1,000 men were put out of work.

Throughout the company's five factories in Britain about 3,000 workers lost their jobs.

And now with only a few of the original 70 options on Concorde likely to be taken up the future of BAC's 30,000 Concorde workers hangs in the balance.

Tuesday, March 6 was prize-giving day at Weybridge—the day when the fourth-year appren-

tices officially finished their training and went to work in the factory or to look for other jobs.

Keep Left asked a section of the first year trainees what they thought of their future prospects.

Neil Taylor (16) and Jimmy French (17) told us: 'The situation jobs-wise is very poor. We think we're due for redundancies soon in the factory.'

Said Neil, 'I don't look forward to 35 years in the aircraft industry, but obviously we have got to look forward to a job. What that will be I don't know. But one thing is clear—Concorde is not going to be a success.'

Their friends Keith Broughen and Phil Wood, both 18, came in.

'There's not very much work at the factory. Presumably when we finish this work at BAC we'll go to London Airport or somewhere like that. And if Concorde doesn't fall through it will go to Filton [Bristol] and all the others,' they told us.

Neil went on: 'BAC Weybridge will probably be the first to go. Even with regard just to repairing aircraft they haven't got the

proper facilities. The runways themselves need repairing before much can land on them and so far nothing has been done.

'The chance of getting other work at Weybridge is very, very slight indeed.

'I believe that even if the VC10 order comes through from Japan it would go to Bristol.'

Work at Weybridge at the moment is very slow indeed. The whole south side of the factory has been completely closed and other sections may well follow suit.

In relation to apprenticeships at the commercial airlines, wage rates for the BAC trainees are low. Take home pay is £9.50 a week at 16, rising to £13 at 17 and at 18, £15. At BOAC a beginner's pay is £15.

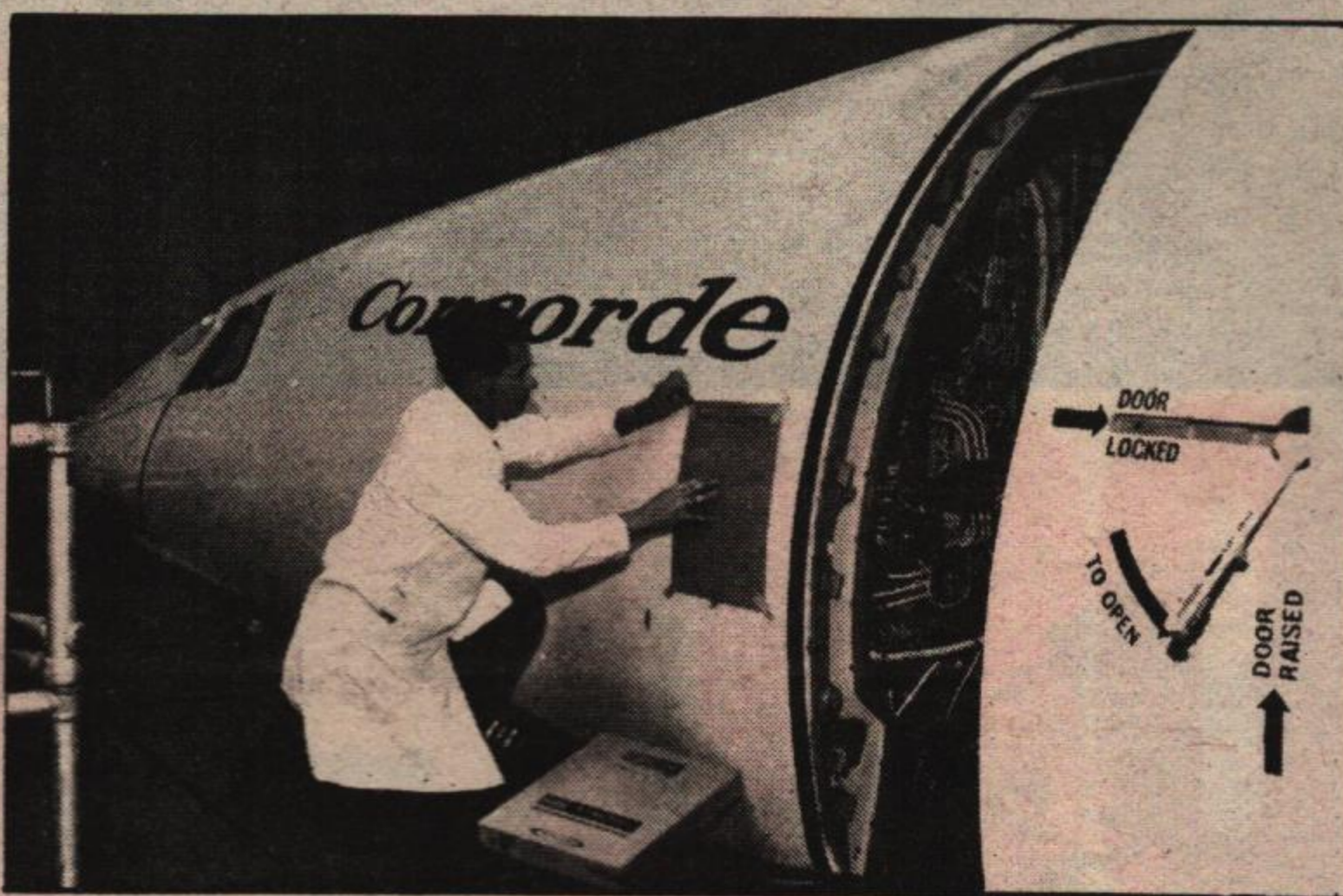
Of the 70 or so apprentices now at BAC's training school only a handful will get the top paid jobs—the rest are expected to go on the assembly line as fitters and machinists. Some recounted their own experiences of signing for an apprenticeship in a particular skill and then being told later on that since too many people had applied for the position, some would be 'unlucky'.

The discussion turned to the hospital workers' strike and the Press and TV publicity it was receiving.

'Last night's news film said the hospital workers' pay strike was killing people,' said one of the boys. 'But with the work they do for the pay they get, it's ridiculous. Our pay doesn't go far enough to get what we need.

'You can't afford to live it up or anything. After all when you think about it—how often does the average worker go out for a meal and a drink with his missus?'

For many BAC workers now the question is will the future even give them the chance to a job?



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PETER CRAWSHAW

IT IS with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of Peter Crawshaw, who, at the age of 27, died in St James' Hospital, Balham, South West London on March 1, 1973.

Peter who was a skilled electrician spent most of his adult life fighting for socialism. In the early 1960s when still in his teens he fought and rejected the fraud of Stalinist peaceful co-existence.

Together with a majority of the Lambeth Young Communist League he was bureaucratically expelled for his opinions and immediately joined the Young Socialists. He fought energetically to build the organization in the many campaigns on youth unemployment and against the sell-out policies of the Wilson government as well as against racialism.

Peter was a keen trade unionist—a member of the

Lambeth EPTU and, at one time, a delegate to the Lambeth Trades Council. His experiences in the right-wing dominated electrical union and the bankruptcy of the Stalinist opposition quickly convinced him that the only alternative to Chappleite reformism and Stalinism was the Socialist Labour League which he joined in 1966.

A hard worker, Peter never failed to devote his skill and his time to make every summer camp a success and he was always ready to use his contracting electrician's knowledge for the benefit of the Socialist Labour League.

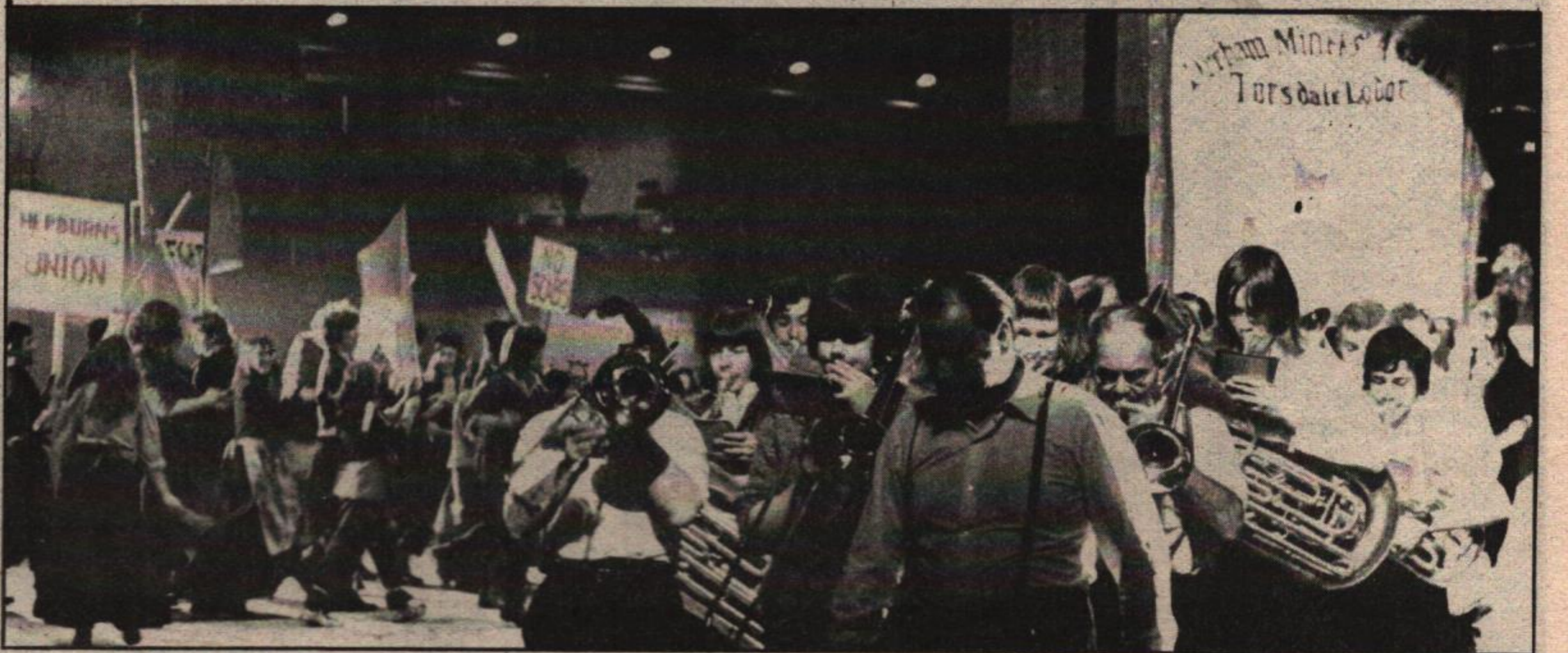
Although he was not a member of the YS or SLL at the time of his death, those comrades who knew Peter will continue to remember him with affection and will respect his contribution to the development of the YS. Goodbye Pete.



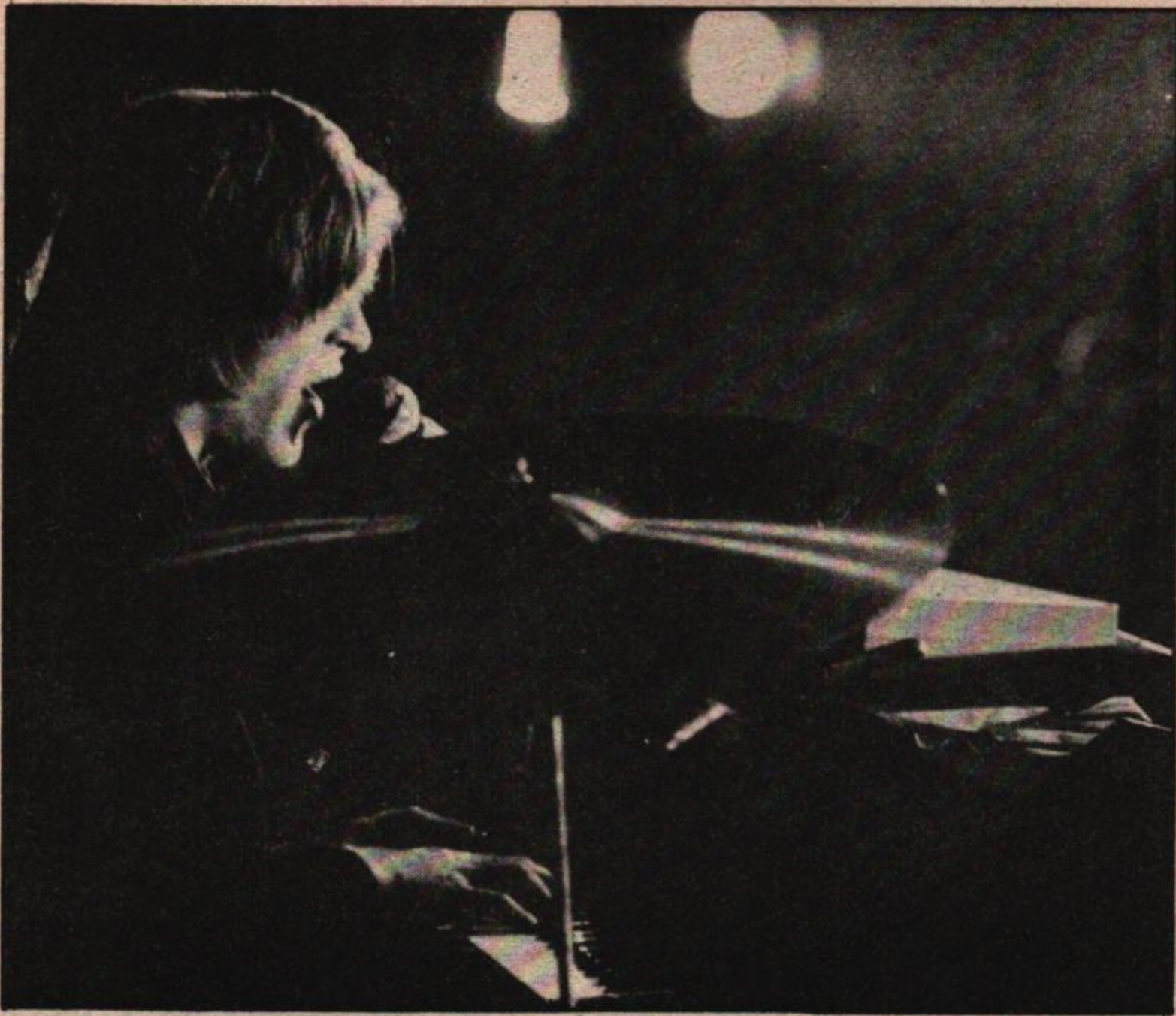


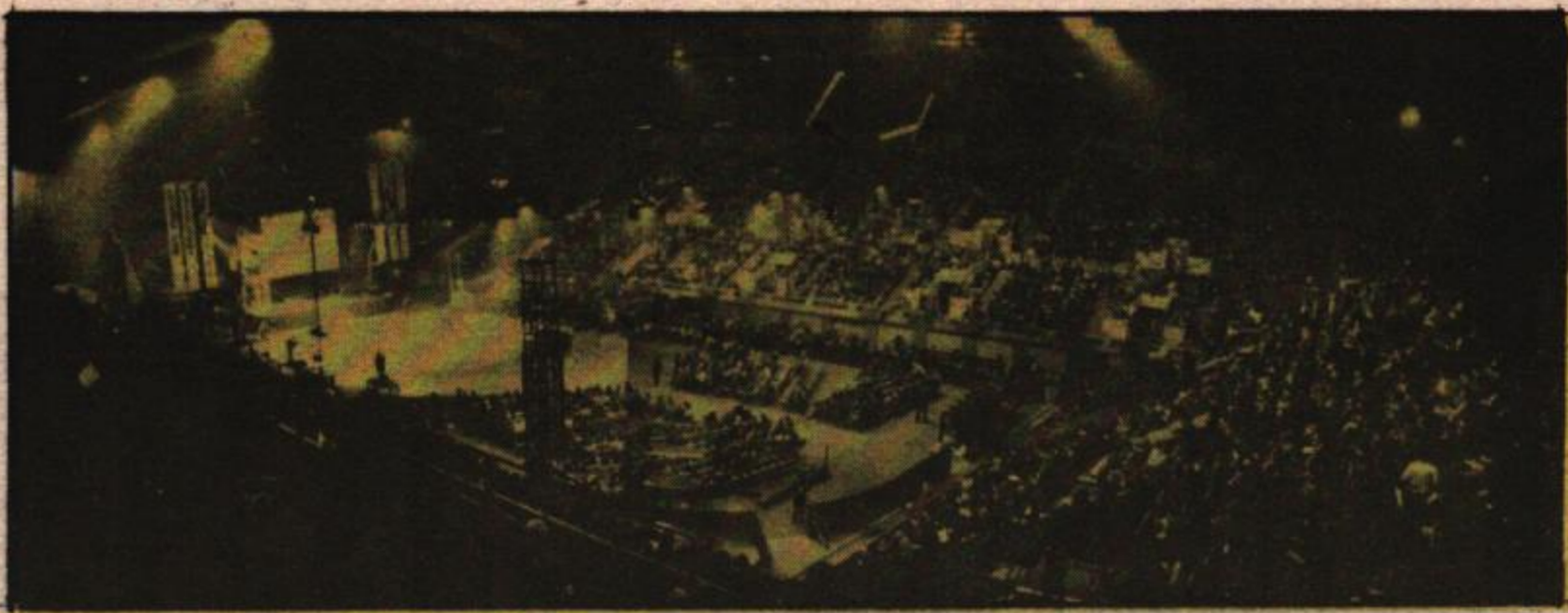
10,000 at the biggest anti-Tory rally

A MASSIVE audience of 10,000 trade unionists, young workers, students, housewives and unemployed attended the Pageant and rally organized by the Young Socialists and the Socialist Labour League on Sunday, March 11 at the Empire Pool, Wembley. The photographs on this page show top: the huge queue of people waiting to get into the Pool after arriving from all over the country by coach and the audience inside the hall before the start of the Pageant. Right: two scenes from the Jarrow production of early unionism and below two scenes from Middleton's history of Chartism.



GREAT ENTERTAINMENT — ALAN PRICE AND ELLIS POP GROUP





EMPIRE POOL ANTI-TORY



BUILD THE REVOL

COACHLOADS began arriving at 2 p.m. from all parts of the country. By three o'clock the biggest indoor arena in Britain was beginning to fill up. In another half an hour it was packed with 10,000 trade unionists, youth, students, housewives.

'Workers Press' daily newspaper of the Socialist Labour League described it as the 'biggest indoor anti-Tory rally since the Tory government took office in June 1970'.

Gerry Healy national secretary of the Socialist Labour League said its success could not have been possible without the fight put up by the Socialist Labour League and the Young Socialists.

The Pageant of working-class history spanned a period of 200 years.

It portrayed in a live and unique fashion the most important periods of that history when basic trade union and political rights were firmly established through struggle and sacrifice.

The performance was given a new dimension with the help of special electronic equipment which relayed live pictures from four TV cameras on to a huge screen on the stage.

The Eiderphor closed-circuit television system was provided by Pye Television and its visual effect on the massive audience was electrifying. Together with the excellent sound system organized by Michael

Hirst the Pageant made it a day to remember.

Cheering and applause continued throughout the Pageant and the meeting afterwards. It came as a great boost from the thousands seated around the oval-shaped Empire Pool auditorium.

Workers who took part in the Pageant had travelled to London two days earlier and started preparing the scenes.

A long and determined campaign for the Empire Pool rally had finally come to its exhilarating climax. Young people—students, factory workers, unemployed youth—made up a large portion of the gathering. They were there firstly on an anti-Tory basis.

After over two years of Tory

rule in Britain, said one young car worker, there was no choice left but to drive the Tories out of office.

The Pageant and the rally undoubtedly started the task it was meant for—to begin a wide campaign to launch the revolutionary party.

By reviving history before such an audience the cast aimed to point the way forward. According to Roger Smith, co-ordinator of the Pageant, the performance was able to 'show workers where they were in the past and where they are now. And what they've got to do tomorrow.'

'To present and to bring to life the fight for these rights was a correct and very necessary task for our movement.

It is especially so now because of the desperate condition of British capitalism. The Heath government is launching attack after attack on the rights of the working class.

'The task at hand is not to build a reformist party, but to build a revolutionary party. That is the meaning of the Pageant.'

Introducing the Pageant at Empire Pool, Roger Smith said the cast consisted of young workers who had joined in from four main parts of the country.

The first episode showed the Peterloo massacre of 1819 when working men and women who had gathered for a meeting were charged by mounted troops. About 15 people died

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and 400 others were injured.

The second episode dealt with the struggle for trade unions in the north east. It centred around the trial, execution and gibbeting of Will Jobling, a miner, played by Jimmy Donathey.

The play showed miners at work, their first attempts at mass meetings and a workers' organization and the reprisals by the coal bosses.

The entire audience at Empire Pool burst into loud applause during the episode when the Bolden Colliery Brass Band appeared on the stage. The band had travelled down to London with the cast and appeared during one of the miners' 'victory' celebrations of the period.

This was followed by scenes showing renewed campaigns for the Peoples' Charter which made six political demands—universal suffrage, safeguards to make sure workers would be able to vote for working-class candidates, election by secret ballot, equal electoral districts, abolition of property qualifications for MPs and annual parliaments.

By 1839 the Chartists had gathered over a million signatures in support of their political programme. The parliament voted against even debating the petition. This led to uprisings and revolts throughout the country.

The Pageant showed workers marching, armed with a

few guns, pikes, staves and pitchforks.

Chartism was the first political movement built by the British working class to defend itself against capitalism.

The third episode re-enacted at Empire Pool was the one dealing with the work of Karl Marx in London.

The performance included the first meeting of the International Workingmen's Association in 1864. Marx was the leading figure within the International and its chief theoretical guide and political leader.

He devoted all his energy within the International to a patient but determined struggle to turn the unions in the direction of politics. He knew that the British working class

was a revolutionary force with a conservative leadership.

From the First International episode the Pageant moved on into a re-enactment of the Taff Vale railway strike and the formation of the Labour Party at the beginning of this century.

The play traced the strike which led to a £42,000 fine for the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants.

The judgement threatened the very existence of trade unions. And trade unions could not defend themselves from the attacks of the then Tory government because only a change in law could reverse the Taff Vale judgement.

In 1906 the Labour Party had a spectacular success with 29 members elected to the

parliament.

The finale of the Pageant showed present-day government ministers—both Tory and Labour—appearing on the stage arena. Spokesman for the four episodes pointed to the figures and said: 'We fought and died for our rights. Now this bunch of rulers are taking these rights away from us. We have to get rid of the Tories and their system.'

The magnificent presentation ended with a specially written song—'The Road to Workers' Power'.

● Left: Two scenes from First International episode. Centre: Finale. Above: Merthyr pageant.

Lesson of history: Struggle for democratic rights now a revolutionary task

THE struggle for democratic rights is now a revolutionary task, Gerry Healy, national secretary of the Socialist Labour League told the giant Empire Pool rally last Sunday.

Speaking after the four-hour Pageant of history he said: 'That is the lesson of history, that is the lesson of working-class struggle in every country in the world. This lesson must now be heeded at this great meeting today.'

'The message from this Pageant is to go forward and transform the Socialist Labour League into the revolutionary Party.'

It was necessary to go back in history to understand the struggle which went into the fight for basic rights because these rights were now under attack.

Looking at the Taff Vale rail strike, he said, it had been made clear that only a political party could defend trade unionism. Now only a revolutionary party could carry forward that struggle and defend basic rights.

Comrade Healy said this was not simply an appeal from organizers of the Pageant. It was the responsibility of every single person present at the rally to join in this decisive battle for socialism.

The Tories, he said, were linking up closely with a reactionary military clique in preparation for armed action against the working class. Some of Heath's closest 'friends' were army officers specializing in anti-subversion activity.

That is why the recent bombing incidents had been a 'god-send' for the Tory government. The government was trying to create a panic situation in which it could rely on support from the middle-class.

'The Tories don't mind one-day strikes. They want to use these strikes to create anti-union feeling among the middle class.'

Comrade Healy warned of the great betrayal being prepared by right wingers in the Labour Party. The right wingers led by Roy Jenkins and Dick Taverne were busily trying to split the Labour Party from the trade unions.

'Today it is not just enough to say we support all workers on strike. We have to demand all-out united action by the trade unions to get the Tories out.'

'And we should demand that the present trade union leaders either fight or get the hell out of it,' he said to loud applause.

Such a struggle was now long overdue. The international crisis of capitalism was threatening the collapse of economic life in all capitalist countries.

'We have entered the most serious crisis in the history of the capitalist system,' Comrade Healy concluded with an appeal for all those present at the rally to join

the Socialist Labour League and to begin the campaign for the revolutionary party.

Gary Gurmeet, Keep Left editor, said the task before the rally was to grasp the urgency of the situation and prepare for change. This above all meant the building of a revolutionary leadership unlike the present trade union bureaucracy which was riddled with cowardice and treachery.

'For millions of young people all over the world it means the struggle for a whole lifetime ahead. As the Pageant of history has shown it took years of turmoil and revolutions in thinking to establish basic democratic rights.'

'Young people have inherited these rights. It is our task now to preserve them and to accomplish what thousands of people died fighting for.'

The Young Socialists intended to fight for Marxist principles amongst young people. 'That is why we ask everybody to join us and build the biggest revolutionary youth movement ever seen.'

The Tory government, he said, was moving towards a corporate state backed by a whole body of legislation aimed against the trade unions. This legislation meant the demand for a decent standard of living was a criminal offence, which made free trade union activity illegal and denied the right to a roof for thousands.

'The Young Socialists fully support the Socialist Labour League's decision to launch a revolutionary party. Young people will undoubtedly form the backbone of this party and we appeal to you to join us immediately.'

Delwyn Hopkins, member of the Shotton steelworkers action committee said: 'The Pageant was a magnificent effort. The response we all gave it was because of one thing—our desire to get rid of the Tory government, this was the real meaning of today's events.'

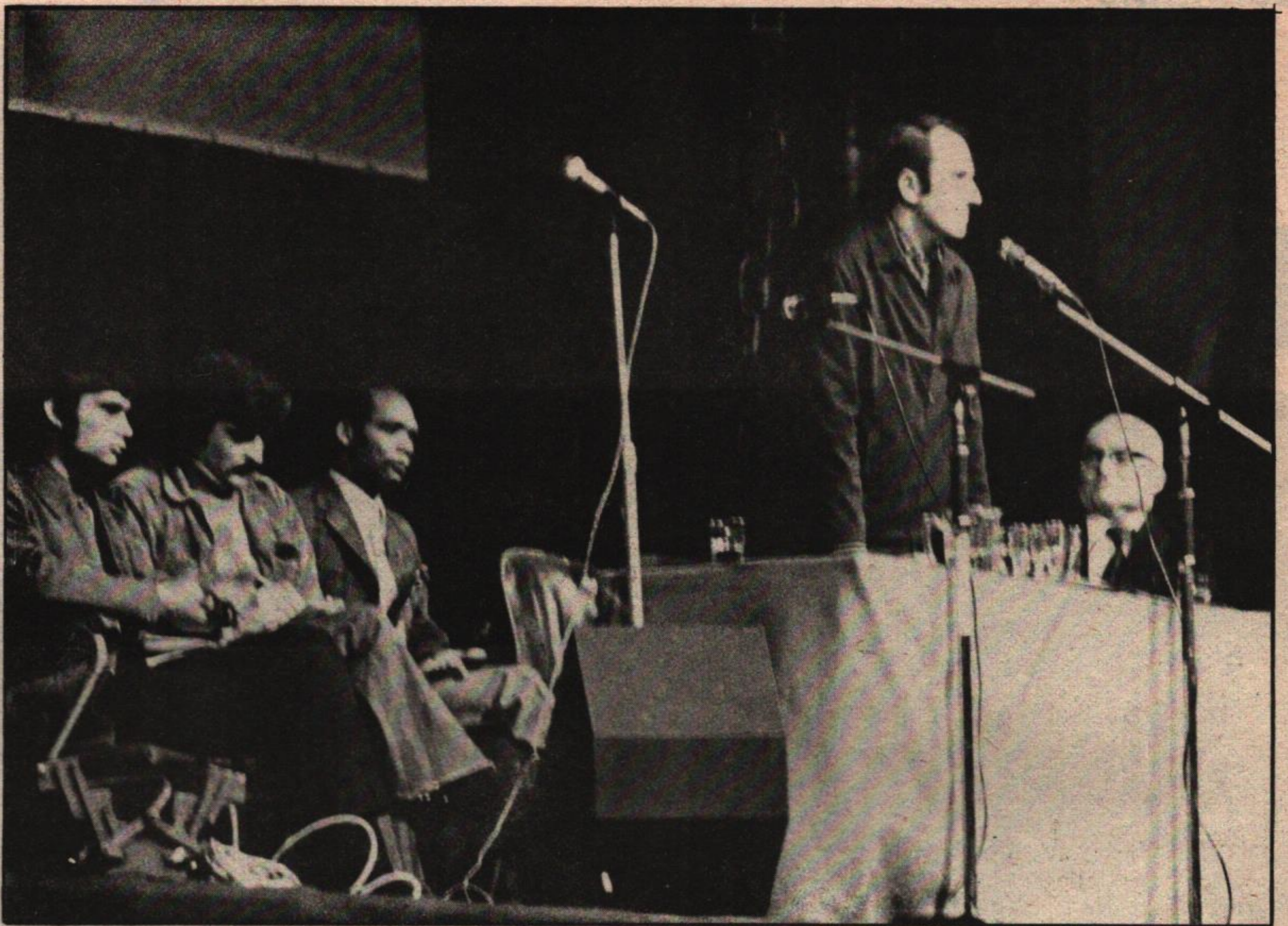
He said all the workers of Britain should back the steelworkers' fight against closures. 'Their fight is our fight. Steel is our heritage and we are not going to give it up for a few pounds redundancy money.'

Tom Thomas, hospital worker and NUPE branch secretary at Roehampton, London, said the hospital workers were fighting because they had no choice.

'I am now caught between the obligation to what the Tories call Britain and the obligations to my wife and family and if I have to choose I choose my wife and family.'

Alan Stanley, a shop steward at Vauxhalls, Ellesmere Port said: 'I think the Pageant very much reflects the political situation in Britain today with the Tory government depriving us of all the basic rights we saw in the Pageant.'

To meet this crisis, all the



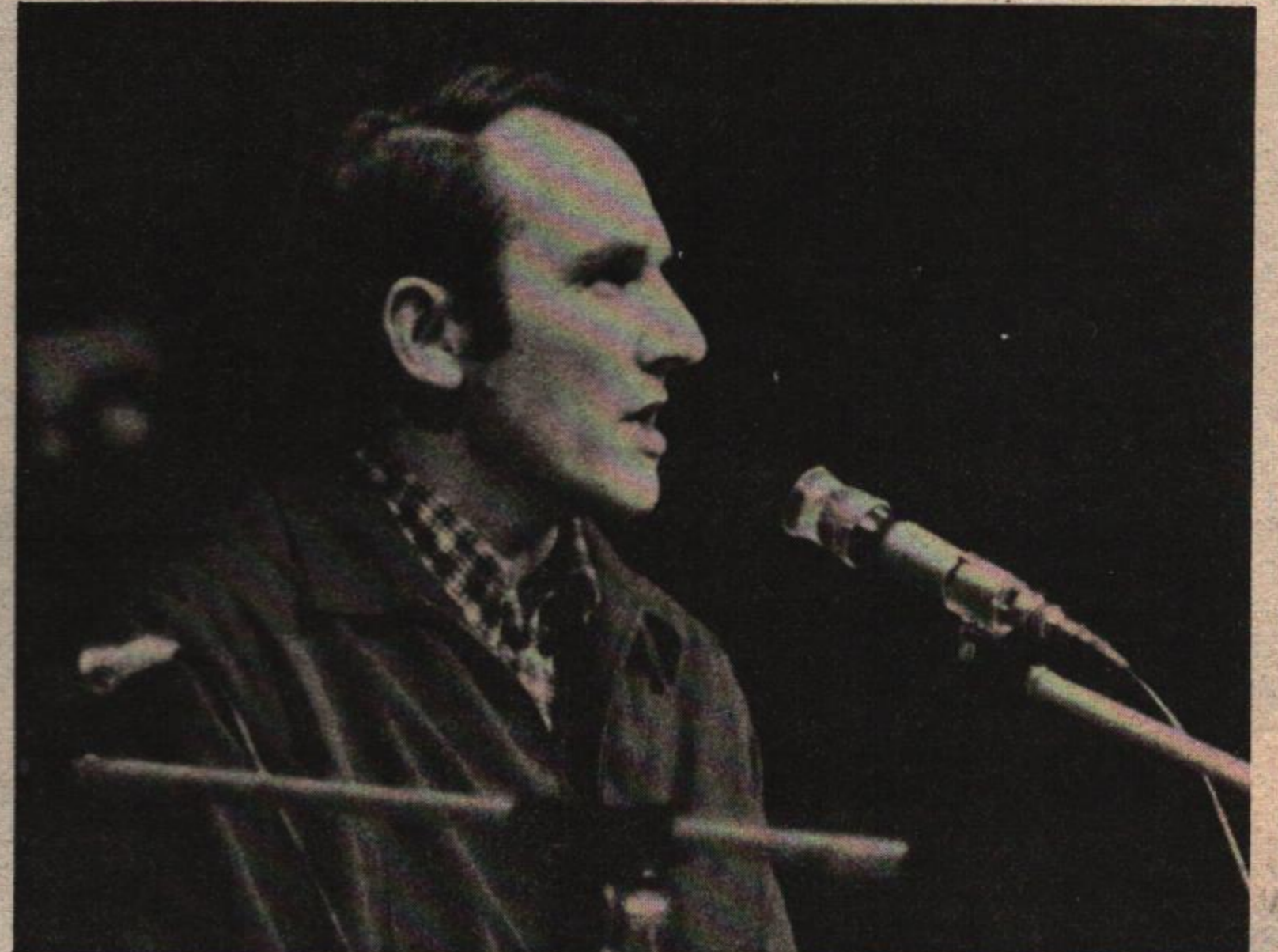
● The platform at Empire Pool meeting

union leaders and the Stalinists in the Communist Party suggest is one-day protest strikes. This is a betrayal, only a General Strike will get rid of this government.'

Dave Smart a hospital worker from Whittington Hospital, North London, said the unions should unite in action against the attacks of the government.

'There is a 60-year-old girl who turns up every day for her four hour picket shift at Whittington. Something is wrong with a system that forces a lady like this onto the streets to fight for what she thinks is just.'

A tremendous collection at Empire Pool raised £1,039.



● Roy Battersby, chairman



● Dave Smart



● Gerry Healy, SLL national secretary



● Gary Gurmeet



● A scene during the collection



● Alan Stanley



● Tom Thomas



● Delwyn Hopkins



● Students demonstrating during last Wednesday's NUS 'day of action'.

GRANTS CAMPAIGN:

Students occupy Kingsway

STUDENTS at London's Kingsway College for Further Education near King's Cross last week occupied their building in support of the National Union of Students grants campaign.

A 300-strong union general meeting voted overwhelmingly last Tuesday to sit-in the college as part of the NUS's March 14 national 'Day of Action'.

But for many students at Kingsway the grants situation is even worse than for the majority of college and university students — because some of them don't get grants.

One of the points on the NUS four-point programme on grants is the demand for an end to the Discretionary Awards Scheme. This scheme leaves the decision to award grants or not in the hands of the local authorities.

Students frequently complain that different authorities in different parts of the country often give smaller grants for courses which are not directly degree courses or their equivalent.

Paul Stewart, one of the strike organizers at Kingsway, told Keep Left, 'The fact that many of us don't get grants is why for me the NUS doesn't

really do anything for further education. They concentrate almost totally on the universities where things aren't so bad as they are here.'

At Kingsway, many of the full time students are studying for their 'O' and 'A'-level examinations, which, as Paul says, is the first part of their preparation for higher education.

'People for example from Barnet,' he said, 'are told they can't get a grant unless they study in Barnet, but they can't study in Barnet because they don't do the course they want in Barnet, so they don't get grants.'

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Hospital workers and Tory propaganda

HOSPITAL workers are at present engaged in struggle with the Tory government for the right to a decent standard of living.

When we see the Tory press we read that patients are dying because of this action by ancillary workers, that nurses and doctors are having to work harder and that we are going without meals because of the hospital workers' 'blackmail'.

Writing as a student nurse and a union member I say that this is a lot of rubbish. I frequently go without meals because I can't afford them.

Patients are dying every day because the National Health Service is having to be worked in out-moded equipment and overcrowded, Victorian hospitals.

They are dying because staff have to work shifts of over 100 hours a week at times and are too tired to give adequate treatment.

A porter working seven days a week can just about take home £24. Yet the union leaders accept the Tories and their propaganda and tell the workers to 'go back lads, overtime ban is sufficient.'

They also remind us that we have a responsibility to the patients and we could lose public sympathy.

Hospital workers in Oxford last week voted for strike action. The four-union co-ordinating committee decided without consulting the workers to call an overtime ban, action which has hardly had any effect whatsoever.

On March 10 there was a demonstration in Oxford by the Council of Action which

brought together workers and students from all sections.

The marchers chanted 'General Strike', 'Tories Out' and 'Socialism In'.

Workers know that only a General Strike to force the Tories out can win their struggle.

Joe Costello
Oxford

Fight unemployment in Scotland

THE QUESTION of redundancies is facing the whole working class. At Babcock and Wilcox in Renfrew, near Glasgow, workers are also facing the threat of closures.

Because of the economic crisis of capitalism throughout the world old industries like boiler-making are now going out of the door.

Even the nearly built atomic gas reactor plant at Babcock and Wilcox is threatened with closure.

A public meeting to discuss the problems was held recently by the shop stewards committee, whose convenor is a Communist Party member.

The leadership did not even mention the political issues of removing the Tory government from office.

The work force of 2,000 at Babcock and Wilcox has been streamlined over the years to a third of the original number.

Many workers also fear the removal of contracts to the continent, now that Britain is in the Common Market.

There can be little doubt that the unemployment situation in Scotland will get worse.

What is necessary is a political fight against the government, to campaign for the re-election of a Labour government which will nationalize all crisis-ridden industries.

We have to start building

up a big Young Socialists movement.

The first steps in this campaign have already been taken with the establishment of the new Renfrewshire Young Socialists federation.

What workers are looking for is a movement with policies and determination to fight closures.

Gordon Bailey
Renfrew YS

Pageant showed the way forward

ONE OF THE actors involved in the Pageant of History started talking to us on the high street in Jarrow. I thought it was a good idea what they were talking about but I had no intention of taking part. But I decided to go even if only 'for a laugh.'

When I saw what they were doing I decided to join in. They had meetings before the rehearsals and they said there was only one way to go forward—to build a revolutionary party.

I hate the Tories for what they have done with rents, prices and the Common Market. I have to give my mother £6 a week because of increased prices.

That is why I think the Pageant at Empire Pool, Wembley, was important. Now it's over we are going to build a movement in Jarrow—we have started one already.

The way things are going the Tories will find themselves out very soon. But we are going to build the new party.

The Labour Party will try to make out they are putting up a fight—but they are not interested in the working class. If the working class stand up and fight now we will have a better country and a better world.

Shaz McKie
Member of Jarrow cast
Pageant of History

WHAT'S ON WHERE

CAMBRIDGE YS
meets every Tuesday
'The Rose and Crown'
(Corner of Newmarket Rd/
East Rd)
8.00 p.m.

LEEDS
Middleton YS
meets every Thursday,
7.30 pm
St Peter's Church
Belle Isle, L11

HIGHFIELDS YS
meets every Thursday
Discotheque every
Saturday
Queen Victoria
(Near 'Leicester Mercury
offices)
7.30 pm to 10.30 pm
Adm: 10p

TOOTING YS
meets every Tuesday
Tooting Baths Club Room
Tooting Broadway
S.W.17

BILLINGHAM YS
Education classes, discussion,
discotheques
every Friday
Billingham Tech
6.00 p.m.

SOUTH SHIELDS YS
Discotheque
every Wednesday
TUC Hall
Westhow
7.30 p.m.

BALHAM YS
meets every Thursday
Balham Baths Club Room
Elmfield Road
Balham
S.W.12

SHEFFIELD
Hackenthorpe YS
meets every Thursday, 8 pm
Frecheville Community Centre

HERSHAM YS
meets every Thursday
7.30 p.m.
The Choir Vestry
The Congregation Church Hall
Queen's Road
Walton on Thames

Parson's Cross YS
meets every Tuesday, 8 pm
Mansell School

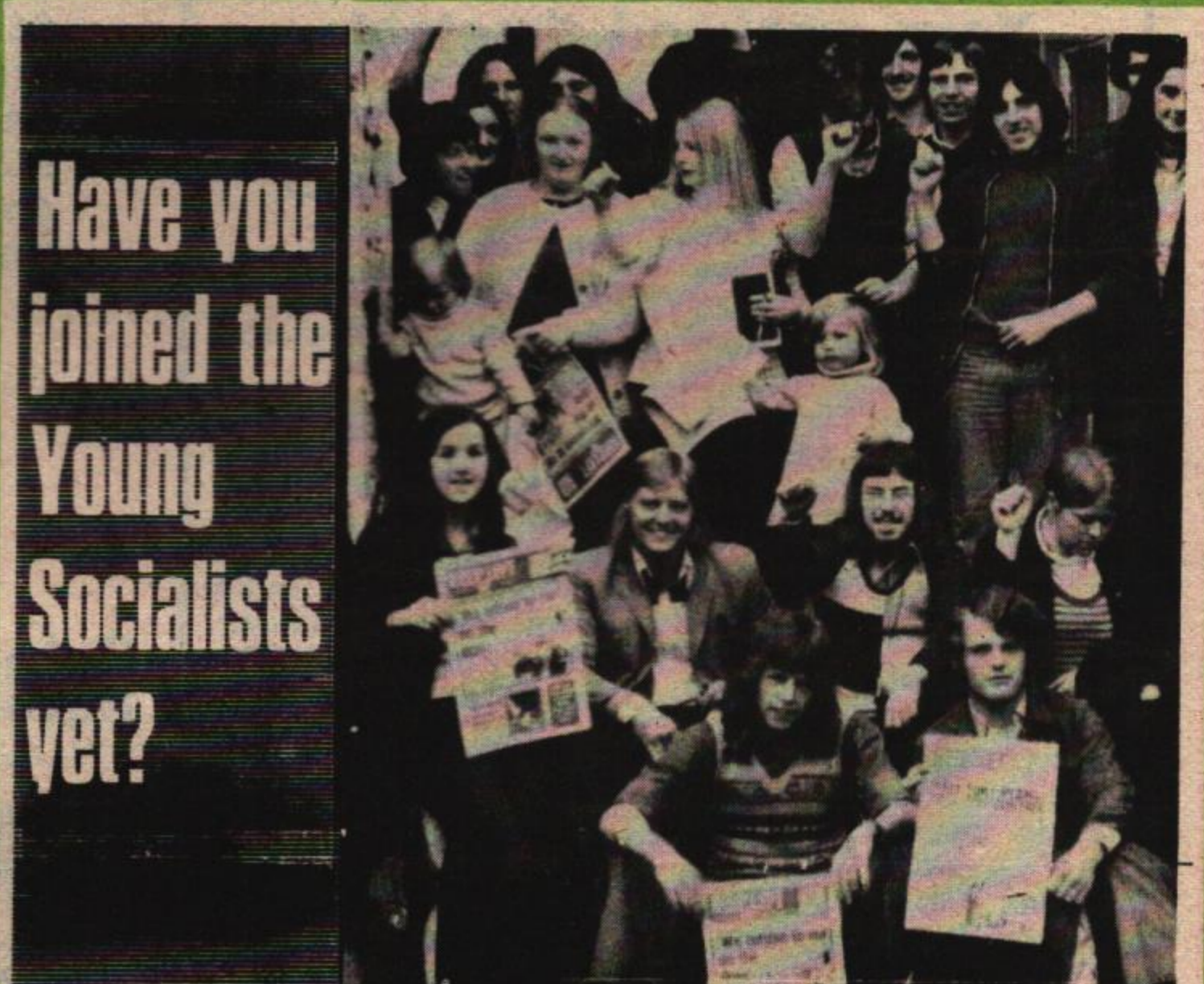
DURHAM
Murton YS
meets every Wednesday
7.30 pm
Miners Welfare Hall, Murton
Records and discussion

Firth Park YS
meets every Thursday, 8 pm
Shiregreen Middle School

Sanford YS
meets every Tuesday, 7.30 pm
Methodist Church Hall
Broad Lane, L13

Central YS
meets every Wednesday, 8 pm
YS Premises, Portobello
(near Jessops Hospital)

PRESTON LARCHES YS
Youth Club
Every Friday
St Peter and Paul's
Park Avenue
7.30-10.00 p.m.
Adm: 5p Records



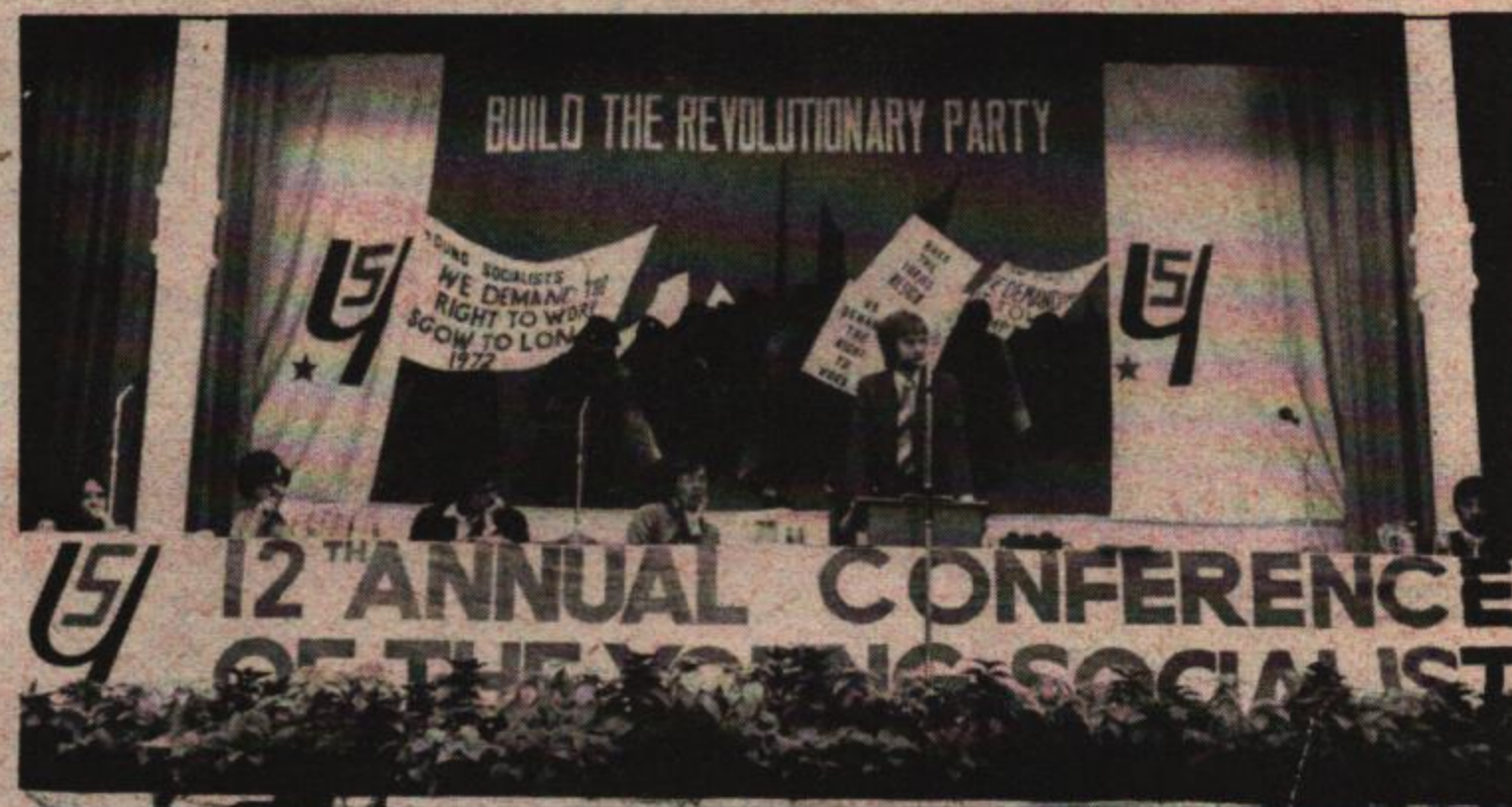
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A full agenda for YS conference



THE Young Socialists 13th annual conference has more resolutions before it this year than at any previous conference.

With 243 motions under 40 different headings the resolutions document for this year's conference—to be held at Blackpool on April 14 and 15—is a very impressive one indeed.

Running right through the enormous range of struggles and topics covered is an enormous hatred of the Tory government and the absolute determination of the youth to fight to make Heath and company resign from office.

Resolution after resolution points to the Tories' attacks on every section of working-class life and rights:

'This Tory government is by far the most brutal, determined government in the last 50 years. They are determined to smash the most basic democratic rights of the working class,' declares the motion from Wood Green (London) YS.

On the question of rising prices Bethnal Green YS (East London) have this to say:

'The so-called wages and prices freeze is the work of a gang of

Tory conspirators. It represents the attempts by the Tory government to drive workers' standard of living down to the real value of paper money.

'Wages are held down by law and Heath tells the unions not even to bother discussing wage rises, while prices leap at a staggering rate. . . .'

Housing, youth facilities, apprentices, industry, trade unions, Measured-Day Work, Common Market, racialism, the police and the army, censorship, student grants, schools, education, drugs and the National Health Service are just some of the topics up for discussion.

Bad housing and the lack of youth facilities are two subjects which obviously concern large numbers of YS branches. Housing alone has 23 resolutions and youth facilities has 21.

'Cheap housing is a basic right of the working class. The Tories' Housing Finance Act, referred to by them as the Fair Rents, puts an end to this,' declares Sandford YS.

Maryhill YS (Glasgow) demands 'decent housing conditions for workers. Glasgow is well known for its low standard of housing. Large families have to live in rat-infested, cramped conditions. . . .'

And YS members from nearby Castlemilk call on conference to condemn 'the treacherous capitulation of the Labourites who at national and local level refused to carry out a principled fight against the Tory government's so-called "Fair Rents Act"'

On youth facilities Brandhill and Oldbury YS (Worcestershire) say:

'This conference condemns the fact that the majority of local councils, including Labour councils, provide completely inadequate youth facilities on estates.

'The entertainments industry as a whole is run by big business as a means of making profits out of entertainers and working-class youth. We call on all youth and workers in the entertainments industry to join with the YS in the campaign to make the Tory government resign and return a Labour government which will nationalize entertainment under the control of workers and youth committees and provide full facilities for youth under their control on every estate. . . .'

This year the international section too is more extensive than ever before. A large number of resolutions deal with international

struggles for liberation.

Tunbridge Wells YS branch (Kent) 'salutes the heroic struggles of the Vietnamese workers and peasants against American imperialism'.

And they warn: 'Though undeterred the Vietnamese still face the greatest danger of the treacherous betrayal of the Indo-Chinese revolution by the Moscow and Peking Stalinists who put their detente with imperialism before the victory of the Vietnamese people.

'Right at this moment we can see these policies being carried out by the European Communist Parties who are calling for 'peace' in Vietnam. It must be understood that there can be no peace until there is absolute victory with the defeat of the imperialist troops and the overthrow of the puppet government in the South. . . .'

Streatham YS (South London) point out: 'The genocide in Vietnam showed us the true face of capitalism today.

'We demand the withdrawal of all American troops. Victory to the Vietnamese workers and peasants.

'We recognize that the only way we can support the Vietnamese revolution is not by petitioning Heath or Nixon but

by fighting to get rid of the Tories and building the revolutionary party.'

But the most important discussion of all at the 13th Annual conference will be that of launching the revolutionary party in 1973.

First resolution in this section comes from Redditch YS:

'The trade war now in full swing will result in massive unemployment, the destruction of living standards and trade union organization and the imposition of political dictatorship, unless the working class is mobilized to remove this Tory government.

'The present leadership of the trade union and labour movement who refuse to fight to get the Tories out and put in a Labour government committed to socialist policies, must be thrown out. Only a revolutionary leadership is capable of carrying this fight forward. The Young Socialists must play a decisive part in building this leadership.'

The great success of the Pageant of History at the Empire Pool, Wembley, last Sunday must now give every YS member in the country the determination to make this the most successful conference in our history—to discuss the foundation of the British Revolutionary Party.

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Your weekend timetable

Saturday 8.00 a.m. Coaches and trains will leave from every area to travel to Blackpool. Two special trains will leave Euston station to take those travelling from London.	Mayor and free Buffet at the Empress Ballroom. Great Dance.
Saturday 11.30 a.m. Arrival in Blackpool. Leave your luggage in the hotel and look around.	Saturday Night Bed and breakfast in Blackpool's comfortable hotels.
Saturday 2.30 p.m. Annual Conference of the Young Socialists to discuss Socialist policies to defeat the Tories and expand the All Trades Unions Alliance and the 'Workers Press'.	Sunday 9.30 a.m. Conference re-assembles to discuss international struggles of youth and the building of the revolutionary party. Foreign delegations to attend.
Saturday 8.30 p.m. Civic Reception by the	Sunday 5.00 p.m. Return by coach and train. Build a mass Young Socialist movement to make the Tories resign and elect a Labour Government pledged to socialist policies.

Cost approximately £4.75, including bed/breakfast, fare, conference and dance on Saturday evening. Trains and coaches leaving from all areas.

**Defend basic democratic rights!
Make the Tory government resign!
Forward to the Revolutionary Party!**

Dance to the fabulous
DUCKS DE LUXE

at
the Empress Ballroom
Saturday 14th April
8.00 pm

I would like to come to the conference/would like more details about the conference.

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